



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice of Closed Meeting

SUMMARY: The Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award) will meet in closed session on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern time. The purpose of this meeting is to review the results of examiners' scoring of written applications. Panel members will vote on which applicants merit site visits by examiners to verify the accuracy of quality improvements claimed by applicants.

DATES: The meeting will convene on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern time. The entire meeting will be closed to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(1) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5
U.S.C. App.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is
hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will
meet on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern time. The Judges
Panel is composed of twelve members, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, chosen for
their familiarity with quality improvement operations and competitiveness issues of
manufacturing companies, services companies, small businesses, health care providers, and
educational institutions. Members are also chosen who have broad experience in for-profit
and nonprofit areas. The purpose of this meeting is to review the results of examiners'
scoring of written applications. Panel members will vote on which applicants merit site visits
by examiners to verify the accuracy of quality improvements claimed by applicants.

The Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary performing the non-exclusive duties of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 19, 2013, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in Sunshine Act, P.L. 94-409, that the meeting of the Judges Panel may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential; and, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because for a government agency the meeting is likely to disclose information that could significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and other organizations and a discussion of these data as compared to the Award criteria in order to select applicants for site visit review, conducted prior to recommending Award recipients, will be closed to the public.

Dated: July 30, 2013

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Associate Director for Innovation & Industry Services

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